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Armstrong College of Education and Savannah Chatham Public Schools Launch Initiative for Professional Development

Savannah, Ga. (October 6, 2015) – Armstrong State University’s College of Education will partner with the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) to establish a Professional Development School initiative at Hesse K-8 School.

The first of other Professional Development Schools to come, this partnership will create a learning environment that benefits from a shared research focus, improved teacher preparation, enhanced professional development and support for practicing teachers. While this initiative seeks to enhance the skills of professional educators, the continued professional development activities also support improved student achievement.

“Armstrong and Hesse K8 School will engage in shared responsibility for improving teacher education and student achievement,” says Armstrong College of Education Dean Janet Buckenmeyer. “This is a great opportunity for College of Education students to gain real-world classroom skills and for Armstrong to establish a strong presence in the Pre-K through 12 community.”

Both SCCPSS and Armstrong recognize the value and importance of lifelong learning where refined teaching practices support better outcomes for all students. “This collaborative effort supports our work across the school system,” said SCCPSS Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Ann Levett. “It represents a shared commitment and furthers the high quality educational experience we strive to offer in every classroom across the school district.” The partnership will be implemented over the next three years with Armstrong Assistant Professors Kathie Fabrikant and Ardyth Foster, and Hesse teachers Sara Doubleday and Michelle Barrett to serve as liaisons.

Other participating teachers will soon be selected and Armstrong internship students will be placed in the school for unique co-teaching field experiences.

ABOUT ARMSTRONG STATE UNIVERSITY:
Armstrong State University, part of the University System of Georgia, was founded in 1935. The University offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Science and Technology, the College of Education, and the College of Health Professions. Armstrong serves approximately 7,100 students at its main campus in Savannah and a regional center in Hinesville. The University’s diverse student population comes from 44 states, the District of Columbia, and 71 countries. For more information, visit www.armstrong.edu.

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